

City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, June 21, 2017

3:15 PM

Larcom City Hall, 301 E Huron St, Second floor, City Council
Chambers

Disability Issues, Commission on

I **ROLL CALL**

Present 10 - Larry Keeler, Sally Petersen, Alison Stroud, VACANT POSITION 1, VACANT POSITION 2, Kirk Westphal, Albert Blixt, Rebecca Benedict, Timothy Hull, and Kathleen Mozak-Betts

Absent 2 - Patti Smith, and Zachary Damon

II **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

R. Benedict made a motion to approve, seconded by L. Keeler. All approved on a voice vote.

III **APPROVAL OF MAY 17 MEETING MINUTES**

K. Mozak-Betts moved to approve the minutes, seconded by A. Blixt. All approved on a voice vote.

IV **PRESENTATIONS**

a **IRA LAX, WASHTENAW LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY DISABLED**

Please visit the Library's website, wlbpd.aadl.org, for additional information and upcoming events.

b **CAROLYN GRAWI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CEO, ANN ARBOR CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING**

Please see www.annarborCIL.org for a list of upcoming events happening at the Center for Independent Living. All questions should be directed to info@aacil.org.

V **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

VI **OLD BUSINESS**

a **CITY PERSONNEL REPORT - HEATHER KOCH**

b **CHAIR REPORT - SALLY HART PETERSEN, CHAIR**

September 17 is the grand opening of the Universal Access Playground.

The Sensory Garden was able to purchase new plants from the Farmer's Market for the garden, but they have unfortunately been disrupted by rabbits. S. Petersen asked for any suggestions from the commission on how to further prevent rabbits, as the Sensory Garden is currently working on a solution with the City.

c COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE - AL BLIXT

A. Blixt gave an update on how the latest State budget will be affecting disability services. The community engagement committee will be discussing this further at their next meeting. The committee will not be meeting in July or August.

d PARTNERS IN ACCESS COMMITTEE - ALISON STROUD

The Partners in Access Committee has been discussing the current issue with parking and accessibility as it relates to the new ePark kiosk machines in Ann Arbor. They are hoping to schedule a meeting with the Downtown Development Authority to discuss current concerns and suggestions for the accessibility surrounding the locations of these kiosks. A. Stroud also gave an update on the SnowBuddies program, and what the Partners in Access committee will be doing to make sure that everything is all set before the first heavy snowfall of the year.

K. Westphal mentioned that an app for the parking kiosks is in the works, as cited by a recent Ann Arbor News article. He encourages the commission to continue discussing the accessibility of the physical kiosks.

e RECRUITING ACTIVITY - LARRY KEELER

Patti Smith is the newest commissioner on the Disabilities Commission. Patti was confirmed at the City Council meeting last Monday, and will be joining the commission for the September 20, 2017, meeting.

If anyone else is interested in joining the commission, please contact the Mayor's office for an application, or look on the Disability Commission website page.

f TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION UPDATE - TIM HULL

T. Hull gave an update on the transportation commission's current

events, and the projects that MDOT is currently working on that affect the commission.

VII ANNOUNCEMENTS

Carolyn Grawi made an announcement that there are now resources available through the University of Michigan to watch the Council for Disability Concerns meetings online and participate that way.

VIII NEW BUSINESS

- a **U OF M COUNCIL FOR DISABILITY CONCERNS JUNE MEETING UPDATE AND MINUTES**

IX ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned, all approved on a voice vote.

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